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# CIA man chides Canadian attitudes

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Some Canadian businessmen want to have their cake and eat it too" with assured access to the American market, a Central Intelligence Agency employee said Thursday.

While Canadians want more U.S. investments, they are "scared" of a reciprocal guarantee of American access to the Canadian market because it threatens their independence, Willis C. Armstrong said.

Armstrong, a former assistant secretary of state for economic affairs, detailed recent Canadian events during a luncheon meeting of the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council at the Broadmoor Hotel.

which he took part in a discussion about Canada and the United States — "Toward the 21st Century: Conflict or Cooperation?"

Armstrong called the September 1984 election of Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney "a remarkable event for Canada" and said Mulroney "wants to turn around ... the inhibition against American capital coming into Canada."

The election of Mulroney, a Progressive Conservative, ended 16 years of Liberal rule, interrupted only by a nine-month minority Conservative government.

Attracting U.S. investments is one of Mulroney's major efforts, but, Armstrong cautioned, Canada's eco-

"Canada does have a real problem in this regard (trade). It does need access for industrial goods and services.

"It can't really expect to continue on a totally independent course in the world economically because the world does not work with totally independent economies."

Armstrong said Mulroney shares some of the same problems as President Reagan — such as revitalizing the economy, balancing the budget and increasing defense spending.

The prime minister met with Reagan before and after the Canadian election.

Calling the United States and Canada "the two greatest bilateral trading

ing will be discussion on trade barriers between the two countries.

Armstrong said the meeting is important to maintain "friendly and improved" relations between Canada and the United States.

He said he thought the meeting would deal more with "trade enhancement" than with free trade and said it would take "several years to sort out" trade relations with the United States.

"In our relations with Canada, which are always reasonably good — sometimes better than reasonably good — we look forward to a friendly and comfortable relationship on a basis of travel, on a basis of investment and to a large extent on the basis of trade, but there will always be



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